

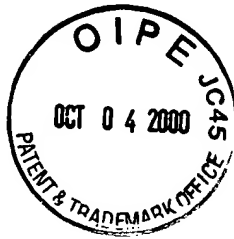
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Title: NOVEL SUBSTITUTED BENZIMIDAZOLE
DOSAGE FORMS AND METHOD OF USING
THE SAME

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Examiner: Jane Fan

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Response to Office Action- Restriction Notice

In response to the Office Action dated, 27 June 2000, Paper No. 2, the applicant responds as follows.

A. In The Specification

The Examiner notes that the abstract is too long. The applicant reserves the right to amend the abstract at a later time that will be consistent with the scope of the invention if the traversal is not successful and election of claims proceeds.

B. Provisional Election

The applicant notes that the Examiner believes that there are 4 groups of inventions present comprising: Group I – claims 1-15; Group II – claims 1-15; Group III – claims 16-17; and Group IV – Claims 21-22.

The applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-15 for continued prosecution, with traverse. Applicant requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement in light of the following arguments.

C. Traversal